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In the Matter of	)	
	)	CC Docket No. 95-116
Telephone Number Portability	)	NSD File No. L-98-89
NEXTLINK Companies Waiver of	)	
Phase III Deadline.	)	

### COMMENTS OF SPRINT LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

On June 12, 1998, NEXTLINK filed a request for waivers of the Commission's Local Number Portability ("LNP") deployment deadlines for MSAs included in Phases I, III, and IV. Among the MSAs listed in the request is Las Vegas, where Sprint is the incumbent local exchange company ("ILEC"). NEXTLINK claims that, while it has all of the systems in place to allow it to provide LNP in the subject MSAs, it will not be able to meet the Commission's implementation dates because the ILECs in the relevant MSAs are not able to deploy the service on time. NEXTLINK asserts that, based on waivers obtained by the ILECs as a result of the Commission's May 15<sup>th</sup> order in this docket, LNP deployment will be delayed, as will the necessary inter-carrier testing which must proceed deployment. Consequently, NEXTLINK requests that it be granted an extension of time in which to implement LNP. With respect to the Las Vegas MSA in particular, it suggests that it will not be prepared to deploy the service until September 18, 1998.

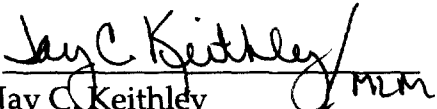
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Sprint is puzzled by NEXTLINK's request regarding the Las Vegas MSA. As mentioned above, Sprint is the ILEC in the MSA. Sprint has not requested a delay of the June 30, 1998 deployment date for the Las Vegas area (the waiver granted Sprint in the May 15<sup>th</sup> order referenced by NEXTLINK concerned Sprint's Kansas City and Dallas properties). Moreover, Sprint has conducted inter-carrier testing with NEXTLINK in Las Vegas; that testing began in early May and has been completed. Sprint will be ready to turn-up LNP service in the Las Vegas MSA, as scheduled, on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sprint's purpose in filing these comments is not to challenge or otherwise object to NEXTLINK's waiver request; to the extent NEXTLINK requires a waiver of the June 30<sup>th</sup> deployment deadline, its request should be judged on its own merits. However, Sprint wishes to make clear that any delay facing NEXTLINK is not the result of obstacles or impediments caused by Sprint.

Sprint will deploy LNP in the Las Vegas MSA, as scheduled, on June 30, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,  
SPRINT LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES

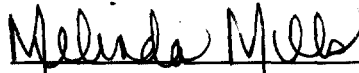
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I, Melinda L. Mills, hereby certify that I have on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1998, served via U.S. First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or Hand Delivery, a copy of the foregoing "Comments of Sprint Local Telephone Companies" in the Matter Telephone Number Portability NEXTLINK Companies Waiver of Phase III Deadline, CC Docket No. 95-116, NSD File No. 98-89, filed this date with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, to the persons on the attached service list.

  
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